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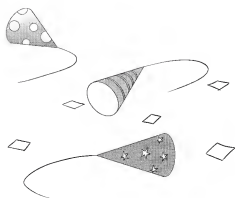
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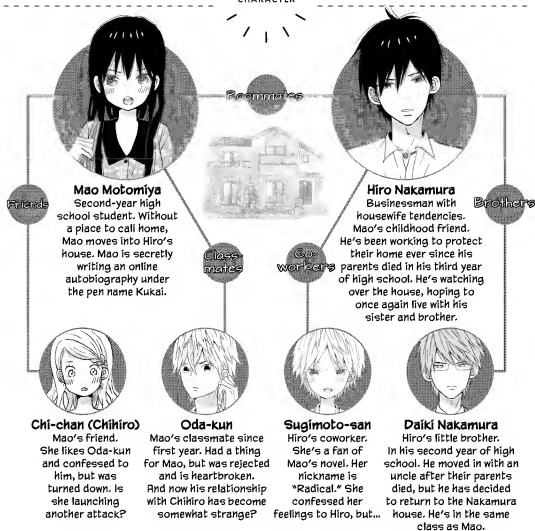
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CHARACTER



STORY

After her father gets remarried, Mao feels like she no longer has a home, and, aiming for independence, she is now staying with her childhood friend Hiro.

Hiro's younger brother Daiki recently moved in, and the three of them are all living together. Hiro is kind and takes good care of Mao, and she's fallen for him.

Daiki secretly has feelings for Mao... Is he now ready to reveal them...? At the same time, Mao's friend and romantic rival Radical-san has confessed her feelings to Hiro. Hiro turns her down and returns home, but as soon as he arrives, he suddenly kisses Mao?!



It's Volume 9!

I hope you enjoy it!

Taamo





FLAIL FLAIL

He kissed
me!
Waaaaah!

W
a
a
a
h
!

FLAIL FLAIL

ろるろるろるろる
ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

Gyaaaaah!

Why?

Why
why
why?!

ドキ
BA-DUM

ドキ
BA-DUM

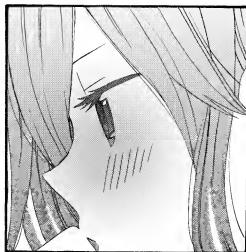
ドキ
BA-DUM

ドキ
BA-DUM

ドキ
BA-DUM

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✧



*I wonder
if you could
just start
wanting to
do stuff like
that with
someone you
don't like...?*

That's impossible, isn't it?

ト¹¹キ
BA-DUM¹¹

トキ
BA-DUM

...but
I wanna
do it
again.

*I don't
really get
why...*

Kisses
are like
that...



The bath's free.

D-Daiki.



I wanna go be with Hiro so bad!

Waaah! Goshhh!



Waaah!

What are you doing?



...



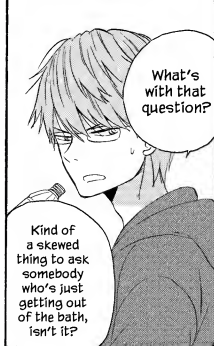
Sleeping.

Where's Hiro?

Without taking a bath?



D-Daiki... Have you ever wanted to kiss a girl you didn't like?







Cut it
out with
the whole
"savage"
thing,
okay?

You're
so cruel,
Mao.



Hina-chan

Sounds like you
had fun on your
school trip. I
went to Kansai
to see Dai-chan
one time.

S-sorry,
got a
text!

BZZZZ

*This is no
time to be
celebrating.*





*And Hiro's
dream can't
come true,
either.*

*As long as
I live here...*

*...I can't be
on equal terms
with Hiro.*

...Mao.

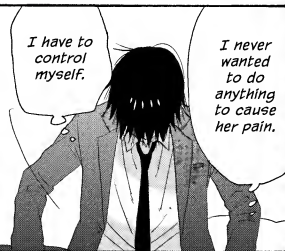
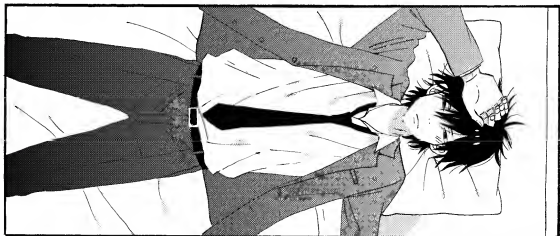
*You don't
have to come
home...*



I have to.

*...I'm going
home.*

Even so...

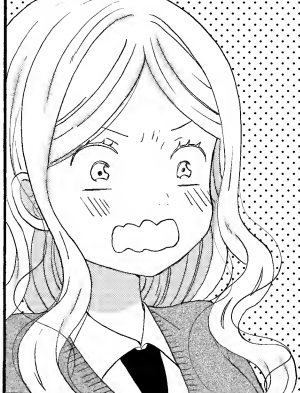












I guess.

I-it
felt
good.

Huh?

So, are
you dating
now?

That's
not true!
Nothing's
changed
at all!

I wanted
it to
taste
like
fresh
lemon!
Seri-
ously?

Mao's
growing
up
without
me...

へたな
COLLAPSE



Chi-
chan,
calm
down.



I can't believe
I'm going to
spend my whole
high school life
in a one-sided
romance! I'm
never going
to get
a boyfriend,
I know it!

ひゃあひゃあひゃあひゃあひゃあ



But I
guess you
really do
want to
hear him
say it.

This is such
a pain that I'm
almost tempted
to tell you to go
out with Daiki
instead!

Aaah!
This is
such a
pain in
the butt!

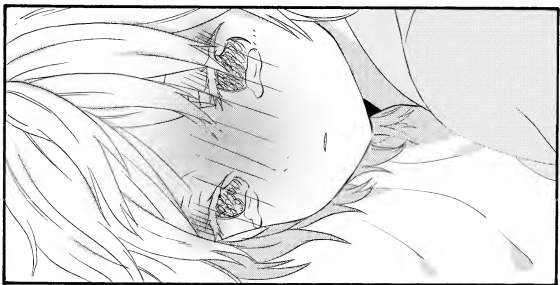
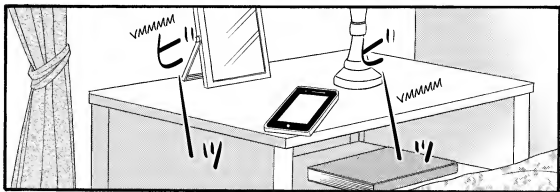
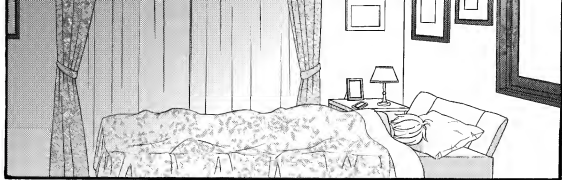
Why
Daiki?

カッ
CLATTER

...did she
confess her
feelings to
him already,
I wonder?

Come
to think
of it, that
coworker...





And my
first
time
being
heart-
broken.

It was
my first
time
con-
fessing
my
feelings.

...turned
down
yester-
day.

I was...



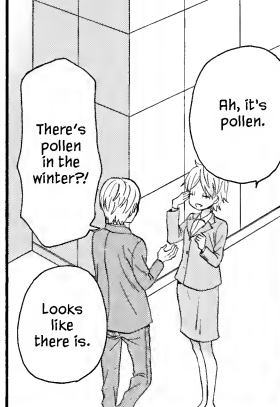
I sleep,
and I wake
up, and then
I have to go
back to work.

I'm just
sadder and
sadder as
time goes
on. Time is
so cruel.



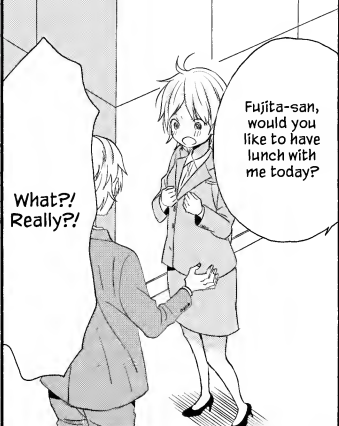
If I go to
work, I'm
going to see
Nakamura-
san.

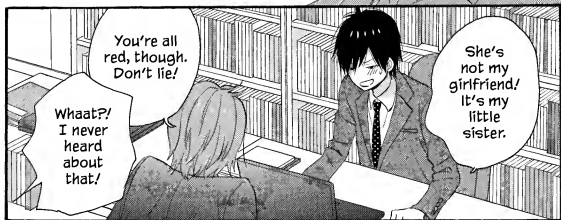






What?! Really?!



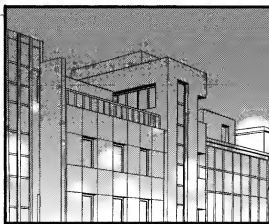
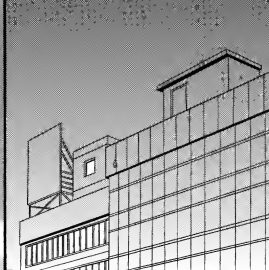




*How do I
fall in love
with somebody
else?*

*I'm going
crazy with
jealousy
even now!*

*How do
I forget
him?!*





Or did
you want
to eat?



H-his
little
brother!



Mao's
not here
today.



He told
me he had
someone
special!

But! But
Nakamura-
san told
me he was
sorry!



I can't do
my work
like this, so
could you
please let
me go?!



**Does that
make me
worse
than a
garbage
lunch?!**

And he
ate the
entirety
of her
disgusting
lunch...

She really
can't
hold her
liquor.



Time
to die.

But this
is the
first time
my heart's
been
broken.

I don't even
know how
to recover
from this.



Wait a
minute!
It's just
a broken
heart,
though!

I can't
go on.
I'll die.





*...fell in love
with the same
person I did...*

Radical-san...

...did she
confess
her feelings
to him
already, I
wonder?

Come to
think of
it, that
coworker.
...



*But she
really is
a good
person...*



*...and she
always
does her
very best.*

*...and she
was the one
who stole the
name Kukai
from me.*

*I'd like it-if
I could make
her smile.*



*I'd like it
if she read
it again.*

*I was thinking
about how I
wish we could be
friends again...*



*...and that
maybe I'll
resume writing
my novel.*

*...won't
work.*

*I guess
that
probably...*





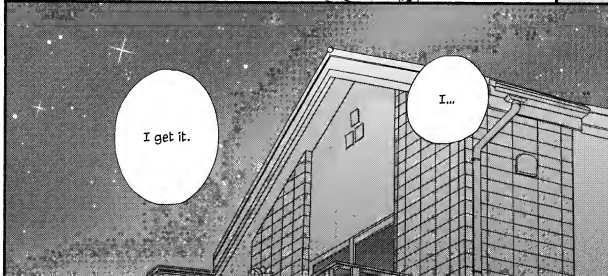








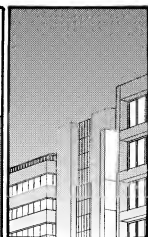








I can basically picture how Hiro turned her down.



**Aaaah,
I knew it!**

You told
me that
Hiro turned
you down.

I know
I must
have
caused
so much
trouble
for you.

I got
really
drunk
earlier...

Anyway,
I'm
sorry.

I-

I must
have said
some crazy
stuff.

*...inside
of Hiro must
have changed.*

*...is that
something...*

*...all I can
think...*

You did
drink quite
a lot,
though.

I'm so, so
sorry! I'm
pretty weak
to alcohol!

*To be
honest...*



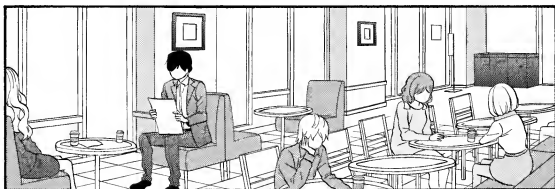
It's cold.
Do you want
to go inside
somewhere?



I want
to know
what it
is.



...



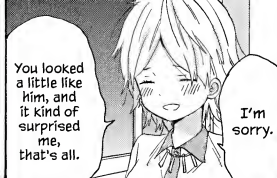
Th-thank
you very
much.



Here.



Actually, with
your hair down,
you look a little
like
Nakamura-sa-
I mean, your big
brother.

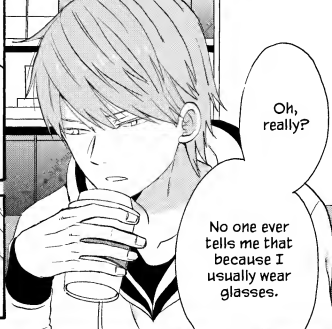


You looked a little like him, and it kind of surprised me, that's all.

I'm sorry.



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SNIFF



Oh, really?

No one ever tells me that because I usually wear glasses.



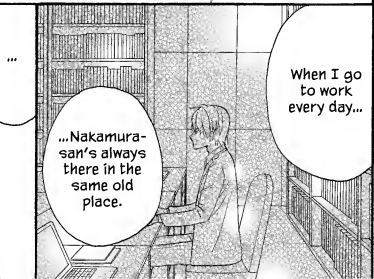
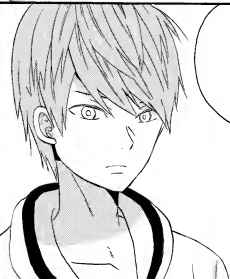
I just can't imagine that a day will come that I'll forget about him.

I'm always looking for Nakamura-san, no matter where I go.



I mean...

...





If she's acting like this, he didn't give her a break at all. He just turned her down flat.

This is about Hiro...

...it would reverberate. That'd be irresponsible.

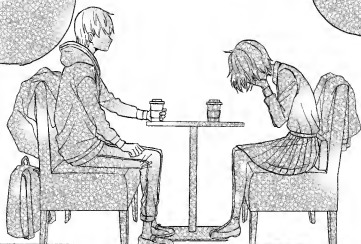
For someone like this...

I can't tell her not to give up, to do her best, and give her a flash of false hope.



...that time
heals all
wounds.

They
say...



*That
probably
sounded
like a
ridiculously
pat answer
coming
from me.*



*We're
together all
the time!*



*I just can't
imagine that a
day will come
that I'll forget
about him.*

*I'd leave
the house.*

*That's
what
my honest
answer
would be.*

*I would
just quit.*





I was in a rush on my way to work, so I just left with my contacts already in.

Welcome home, Daiki.

Where are your glasses?



I'm home.



A trip?



She might be making plans for a trip?

Oh...

She shut herself up in her room.



Where's Mao?



Sounds fine to me, I guess.

What do I think?



We were thinking about having Mao's family and our family go on a trip together.

What do you think, Daiki?



Yeah.

That's true.



It'd be better if Hina and Mao's crappy dad said they'd go, too.



Uzumasa sounds like fun... She said it was like heaven.

It's a fun place, all right, but don't let her influence you so much.

SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH



Kyoto again?!

If it actually happens, it'd be a good time.

Mao's all riled up about going to Kyoto.

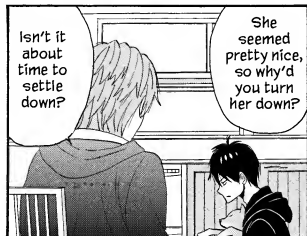
I don't really mind.



That woman from your work came to the shop today.

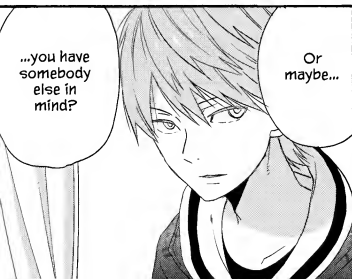


She got
wasted
and said
you turned
her down.



Isn't it
about
time to
settle
down?

She
seemed
pretty nice,
so why'd
you turn
her down?



...you have
somebody
else in
mind?

Or
maybe...





...Hiro.

Answer
me...



I was
sure...

That's
a pretty
normal
answer.



Sure of
what?

Sure?



It'd be rude
to go out
with her
even though
I don't have
any feelings
for her.



That's
a pretty
quick
judgment.
I'm only
24.

I was sure
you'd finally
decided to
lead a lonely
single life until
you died, I
suppose.



...

...what
would
I do?

But if
that was
the truth...

...he'd said
it because
he's in love
with Mao.

I was
sure...



...take Mao
away from
Hiro?

Would
I really be
able to...



*Hiro would
want Mao to
be happy.*

*Hiro would
never want to
see Mao hurt.*



So...

Please...

...please...

*And just
knowing
that...*



*...I know
I couldn't
bring
myself to
make a
move.*



...love Mao.

*...that you
really do...*

*Don't
tell me...*





...but he
hasn't looked
at me once.

I was thinking
it'd be better
since he said I
could stay longer
than usual...

I wonder
when it'd
be a good
time to
talk to Dad
about the
trip idea.

Uh... Um.../
What if all of
my family...

Yep.

There's
a doggy
where you
live, right,
Sis?

Doggies
are cool!

Wow,
that's
cool!

...and Hiro's
family go
on a trip
together?









*I know you
don't want to
be near me.*

*Don't you
hate me,
though?*

*You already
picked
Nakamura-
san's place,
right?*

Mao...

*...why do you
want to come
back home?*

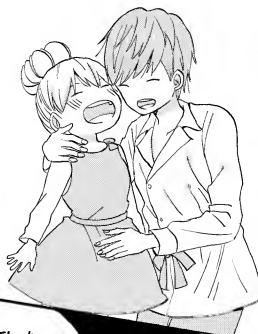




*You're always
accusing me
with those eyes.*

*...and
leave me
all alone
again?*

*Or do you
just want to
make friends
with them...*



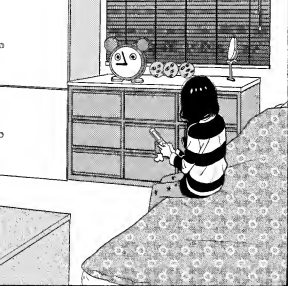
*I want to think
it's not true...*

*...but I'm so afraid
of losing everything
that I just can't
move forward.*

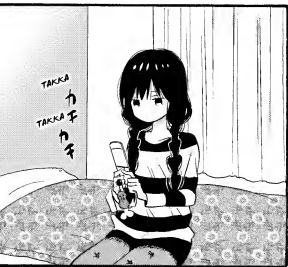
*That
can't be
right.*

*Aah...
No...*

A black and white illustration showing a close-up of a hand holding a dark, possibly metallic, object. The hand is shown from the side, with fingers wrapped around the object.



*I don't
know the
right way to
love Mao.*





"Hiro and
Daiki and
my family
are all going
together."



"Hina-
chan, will
you come
on a trip
with us?"



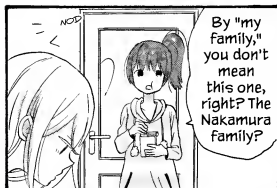
Mao-chan
MESSAGES

are all going
together! They all
want to see you and
I know it's going
to turn out to be a
really fun trip. ^^
Kyoto is a fun place,
and you have to go
to Uzumasa at least
once in your life. If
that's cool with you,
let's go~



"They
all want
to see
you."

*Everyone's moving
forward, little bit
by little bit.*





I don't want to see both Hiro and Dai-chan together at the same time.



I think that'd be okay. It was good cake.

Whoa, she said it!

You think Hiro-kun's gonna bring us another cake?



I don't hate them.



Hmmm ...



So I guess you hate them, then.

I feel bad for them.





...



Tee
hee
hee
hee!

Morn-
ing.

What's
that
face
for?



Good
morning,
Daiki!



I took
a step
forward!

And today
I made
a situation
where I could
say good
morning to
you at
school!



At
home.

Yeah! And
this is
school!

So, where do
I usually say
good morning
to you?

You really
want to
go back
home,
huh, Mao?

I see.
Well,
congrats.

Y-yeah.

Hmph/
You're
so mean,
Daiki!

This
time I'm
staying
three
nights!

I see.

And I went so
far as to get
my dad to say
we could all
go on the trip
together, too.

I really
would rather
you didn't go
back there,
though.

...Her family
comes first, and
then Hiro probably
comes next.

Mao's always
like that...



Where
do I fall
on the
scale?

*She's dodged
me so many
times...*

*Could she
really not know
how I feel?*

Hm?

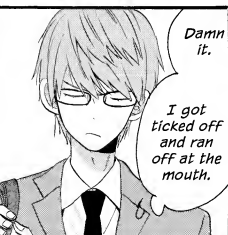
*It pisses
me off.*

*...she'd
miracu-
lously
transform
it into
something
like that
without
realizing.*

*I's like
Q and
how?*

*I bet if I
said, "I
like you,
Mao"...*







You're family.





Whaat?/
If you keep
zoning out,
I'm just
going ahead!



If you're
gonna
get
mad,
then get
mad.

And you
already told
me you felt
that way
about me,
so there!



...

*I had no
idea I'd
be right in
the middle.*

*She
surprised
me.*



*It was in
my blind
spot.*



...



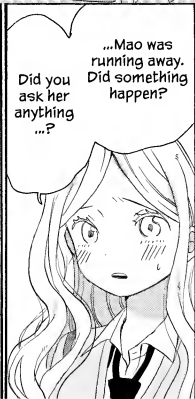
Damn
you,
idiot
Mao.

That's
not where
I want
to be.



Nothing
really
happened.

...



...Mao was
running away.
Did something
happen?
Did you ask her
anything
...?

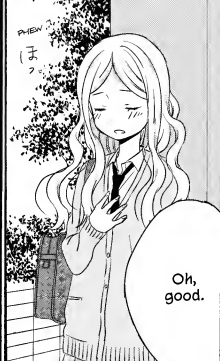


G-good
morning,
Daiki-kun.



Wh- I
d-don't
know
anything!

Why, do
you know
something?



Oh,
good.



I don't
know
anything,
but...



I think it's
good to give
Mao some
time to think
about you...

I don't
think that's
a bad idea
at all.



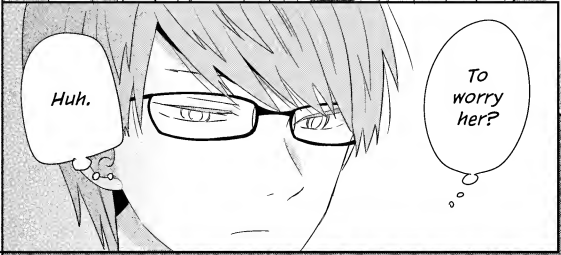
I think of
you and
I as two
of a kind,
Daiki-kun.

So I'm going
to give you
this advice
that I wish
someone had
given me.



Just tell
her straight
out that
you like her.

But I also
think you
shouldn't
be afraid to
worry her
about it.



Huh.

To
worry
her?

*Yeah, I'll really give
that dummy something
to worry about.*



But I also think
you shouldn't be
afraid to worry Mao
about it. Just tell
her straight out
that you like her.

...but...

I said that...

*I don't even
know if going back
to being friends
with that guy...*

*...or a
retreat.*

*...is a step
forward...*





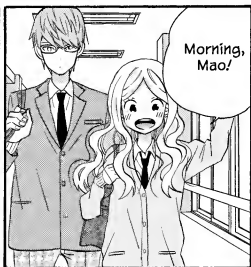
Oda-kun, you're such a jerk!

He's always got all these girls around.



Chi-chan, morning! It's unusual to see you with Daiki.

I saw him just after you did!



Morning, Mao!



Could be.

I wonder why? Because we're two of a kind?



Lately I've been thinking that the two of you are kind of similar.





We're
talking
about you.



What's
this? That
seems
signi-
ficant.



*When I look at
Daiki, sometimes
I feel like I'm
looking at myself.*

It's a
joke.

B-behind
my back?

*Even though
I know it's
not her fault.*

*Sometimes I get
so mad at Mao for
being so dense.*

*...honestly,
I was
confused.*

*When I
realized that
Oda-kun
probably
liked Mao...*



*I was so
preoccupied
with myself.*

*I was so frustrated
with Mao, wondering
why she never told
me the truth.*

*..if I had to see
them looking
happy, getting
closer.*

*I wondered
what I
would do...*



*...when she started
talking to Oda-kun
about her family
stuff and not me...*

*I thought I could
cheer Mao on if
she really did like
Oda-kun, but...*

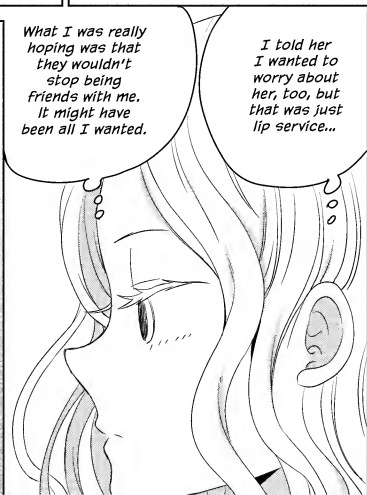
*...it was like they were
leaving me behind.*

*So when I
found out that
Mao didn't like
Oda-kun, I was
happy from the
very bottom of
my heart.*

*I was so
happy I cried.*

*What I was really
hoping was that
they wouldn't
stop being
friends with me.
It might have
been all I wanted.*

*I told her
I wanted to
worry about
her, too, but
that was just
lip service...*



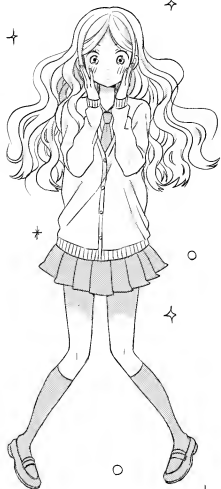


*I'm really
that selfish,
huh.*



*I'm going
to try making
Mao worry.*

*Because I
thought it meant
that I could still
cheer Mao on with
my whole heart...*

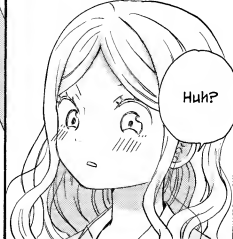


*...and it could
still be all right
for me to like
Oda-kun.*



So, if
Mao comes
to talk to you
about me...

...tell her you
didn't know
anything about
my feelings.



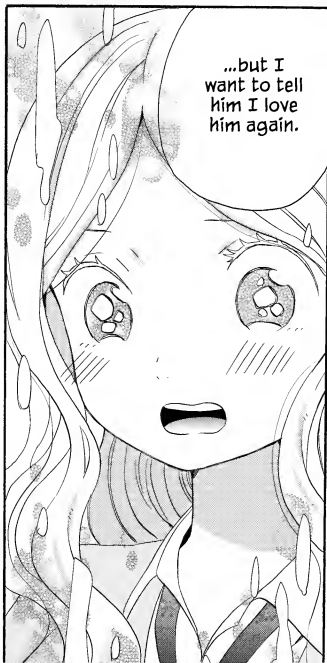
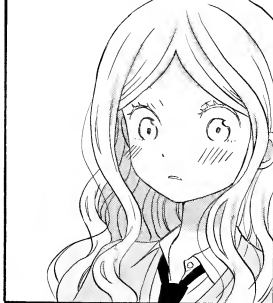
Her head
should be
filled with
thoughts
of me.

I want Mao
to think
about it on
her own.



You probably
want to be
thinking more
about yourself
right now,
don't you?

Wh-
why?



...but I
want to tell
him I love
him again.



Yeah.

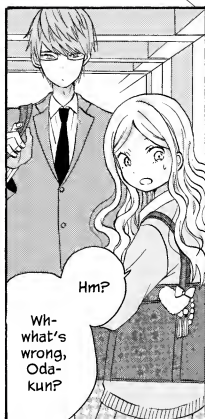


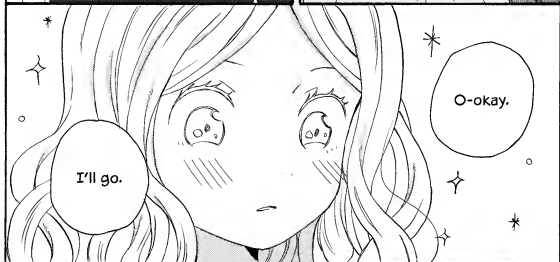
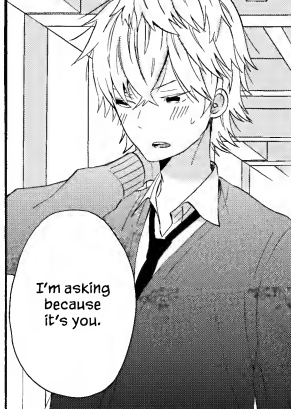
I want to
do that,
too.

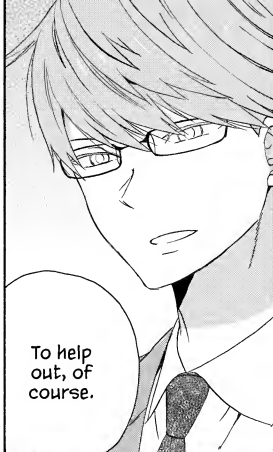


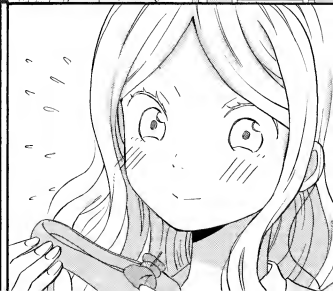
It might be a
problem for the
other person...



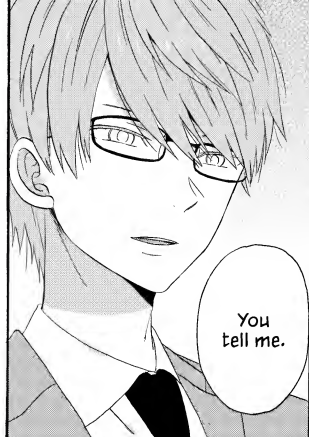














Y-you
remember
that?



It's
nothing.



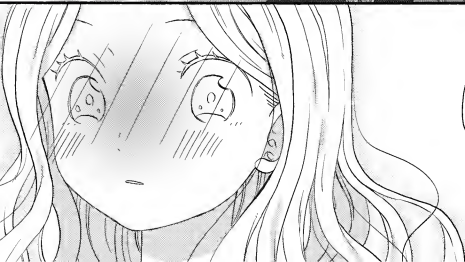
That's
nice.

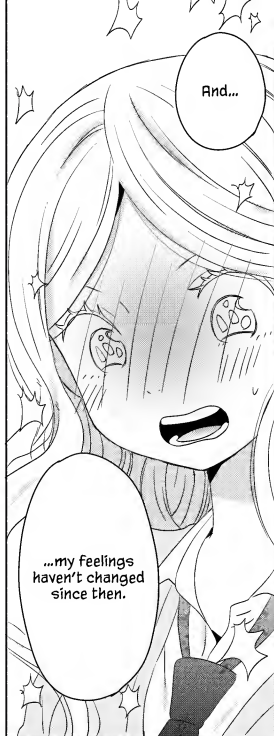
It reminds
me of the one
you wore at
the fireworks
festival.



Of
course I
remember
it.

Ever since
that day, all
I've done is
make you
cry.





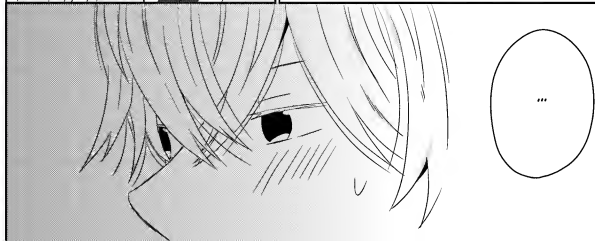
And...

...my feelings
haven't changed
since then.

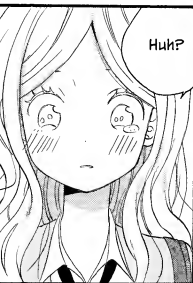


I remember
that day really
well, too.

I remember
telling you I
like you.



...





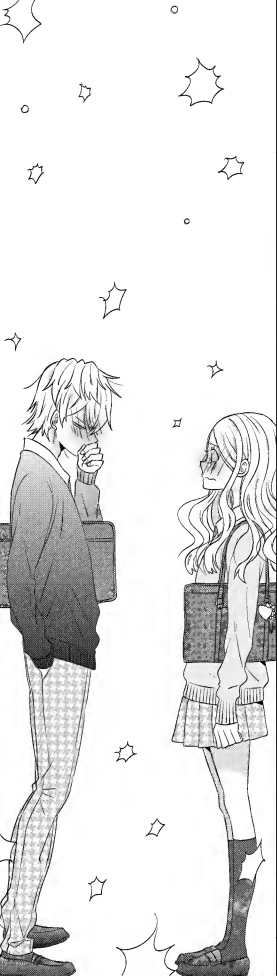
And then
you beat me
to it again!

I mean, it's
taken me
all this time
already! Like,
forever!



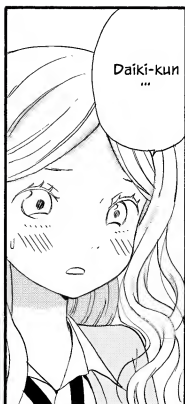
...and it's
too hard
to tell
you I like
you after
all that!

I've made
you cry
so many
times...



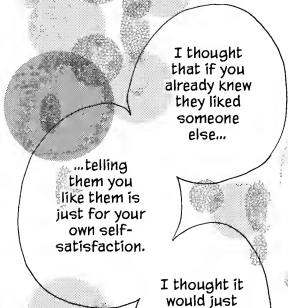








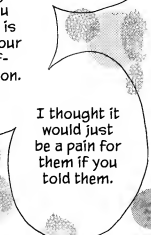
So you
should
do your
best, too,
Daiki-kun!



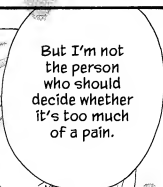
I thought
that if you
already knew
they liked
someone
else...



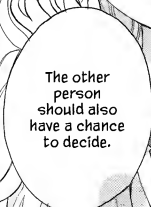
...telling
them you
like them is
just for your
own self-
satisfaction.



I thought it
would just
be a pain for
them if you
told them.



But I'm not
the person
who should
decide whether
it's too much
of a pain.



The other
person
should also
have a chance
to decide.

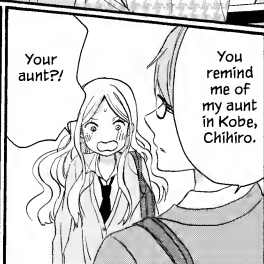


Huh...?



You're a meddler, too.

For now, you should just be thinking about yourself.



Your aunt?!

You remind me of my aunt in Kobe, Chikihiko.



See you.



Yeah.

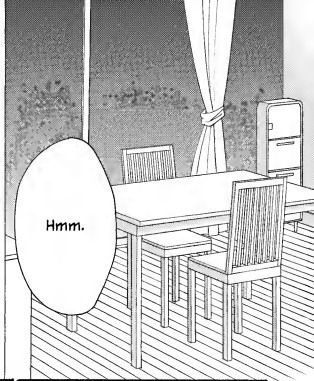
Thanks.







I was hoping to nail down our travel plans a bit more.

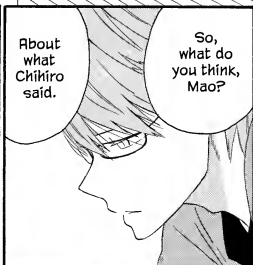


Hmm.



How would you feel if someone confessed to you, even though you like someone else?

Huh?



About what Chihiro said.

So, what do you think, Mao?



I...





I was going around and around in my head about how much it probably bothered him.

I really regret telling Hiro I like him.



But because I've done that, I realized...

...I don't want to think of someone who likes me as a problem.



There's nothing wrong with feeling that way.

It's normal to think of it as a problem.



A sage...! No way, I'm not nearly that cool.

Are you a sage?



...it'd also be
a chance to
think about
that person.

But...



...why don't
you take
this chance
to think
about me?

Well, then,
Mao...



What?



And look at that clearly conflicted expression.

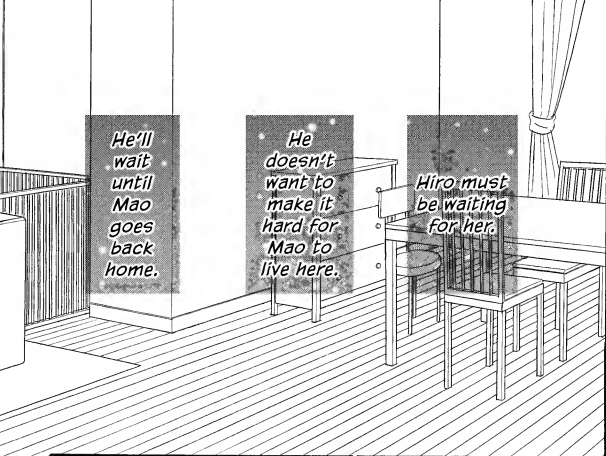


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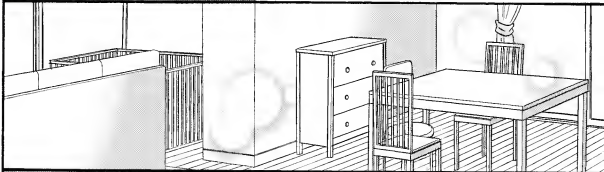
None of your usual flailing dodges this time, huh?

What now?









*I want us all
to live in this
house together.*







*This is the
first I've
ever thought
about it...*

*It's probably
impossible.*



*...but
what if...*

*...what
if Daiki
liked me?
What would
I do?*







*Yesterday
must have
been a
misunder-
standing. It
has to be.*

Good.

*...as
always.*

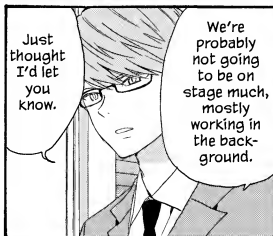
*Daiki's the
same...*

*...and a
precious
friend.*

*...is
someone
I can be
myself
with...*

*To me,
Daiki...*







I-I
see...

Like and
love and
all that...



A romantic
sword-
fighting
show, huh...

There are
a lot of
women
custom-
ers, so
probably
something
romantic.

Forget
the sword-
fighting.



It's all
gonna
be... "I
like you."

"I love
you."
That kind
of stuff.



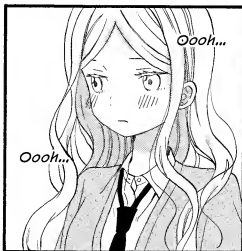
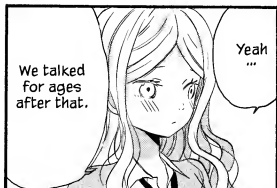
I know
that!

What's
with that
reaction?
I wasn't
saying it
to you.



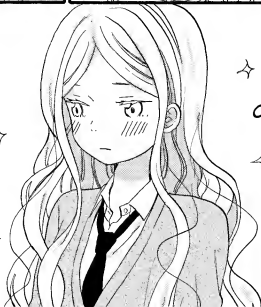
You've
been acting
weird since
last night,
Mao.

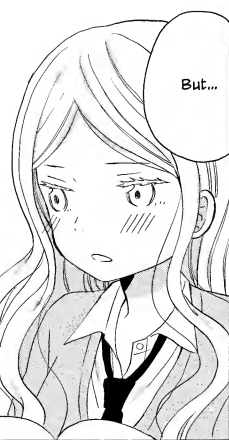




...belongs to
somebody...!

Chi-chan...



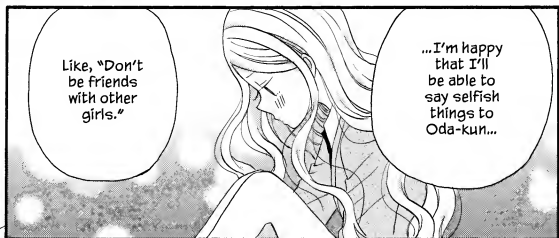


But...



That's not how it is...

When I think about how your first priority's gonna be Oda-kun from now on, it kind of pisses me o—I mean, makes me sad!



Like, "Don't be friends with other girls."

...I'm happy that I'll be able to say selfish things to Oda-kun...



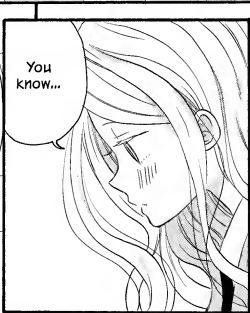
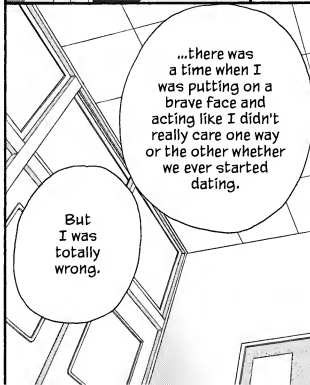
Hee hee...

It's nice to have this stuff to worry about now.

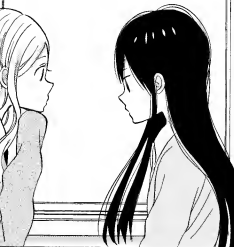


Oh, but I'm not actually going to say it! I'm going to be patient for a while.

For a while.



Thanks for
the dose of sap
this early in the
morning.



It really feels
good to have
commitment.

I never
thought it'd
be this much
of a relief.



Gah! Daiki-
kun, you're
here?!

I've
been
here.

Since
when?

"I'm
happy I
can say
selfish
things."

Argh!



It's all thanks to you, Daiki-kun.

Yeah.

I'm happy for you.

No, you worked really hard, Chikiro.

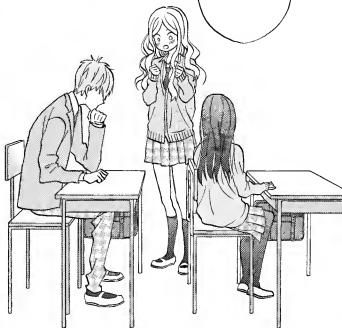
CLATTER

ハッ

Thanks.

No, I can't!
I'm sure she'll just laugh at me and say I'm getting full of myself...

I'll have to ask her about Daiki later on.





*Maybe if
Hiro and I
had made a
commitment...*



*...I wouldn't
feel so anxious
all the time.*

I'm
tired...



I'm
home...



Oh, boy! It's
been so long
since I've
seen Hiro!



Welcome
home!

PITTER

PATTER



No, I'll
only be
here for
a bit and
then I have
to leave.

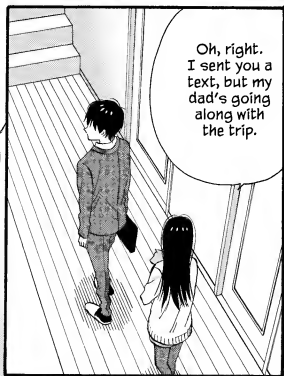


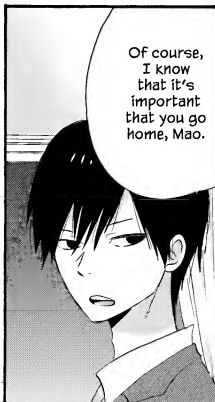
Has work
calmed
down
yet?

I was thinking
you'd just
come home
for a little bit
when I was
asleep again
today.



Hmm
...











Hey,
c'mon...



I never
said I
wasn't
satisfied.

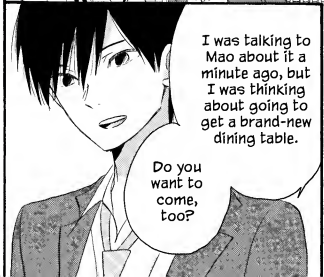
What's
with that
unsatisfied
expression?



I mean...
I've committed
already.

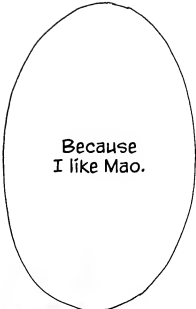




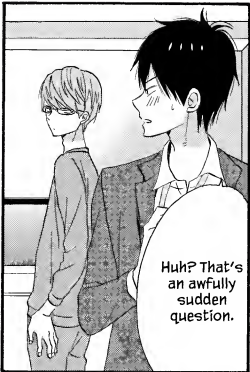




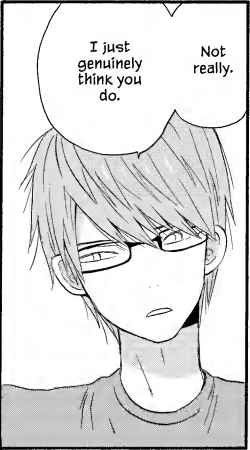




Because
I like Mao.



Huh? That's
an awfully
sudden
question.



I just
genuinely
think you
do.

Not
really.





Well,
later.

That's
all I
wanted
to say.

*...why
Hiro can't
answer
me.*

*I know
more than
anyone
else...*

*...his powerful
dream to bring us
all back to live in
this house together.*

*I also know
that I might
be the one
who ruins...*



*I know
it all.*

*I know
that.*

*...and how stupid
I'm being.*

*I know Mao's
feelings...*





He loves
by watching
over her.



Plus, it's
just too mean
that this guy
is leaving his
lady friend
behind.

He's doing
it because
of her,
though.



Wh- your
face was
so serious,
I didn't
realize!

You should
have cracked
a joke, there.



You've been
saying all this
weird stuff
lately, too.



Watching
over her...



...I forgot.



Think a little harder.
Try to remember.

You forgot?



What do you mean, weird stuff?



No, he was acting weird before that, even.



He was acting weird on our class trip, too.



...That's right.



Wait, has he been acting weird forever?!
Is this just how Daiki is?!





I've liked
you ever
since we were
children.



I'm not
going to try
to pass it
off as a joke
like I usually
do, either.





*And he's
still...*

*...been so
nice, the
whole time.*



*...hurting
Daiki this
whole time.*

*If that's
true, then
I've just
been...*

*He's been
laughing
like he's
fine.*

*...about
Hiro.*

*...while
I ask
him for
help...*

*He's
been
acting
fine...*

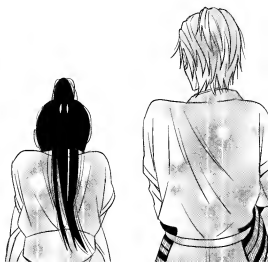


Don't cry,
please.



Daiki,
I'm sorry.

I didn't
tell you that
so I could
give up right
from the
beginning.

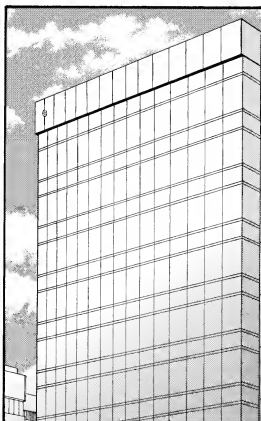
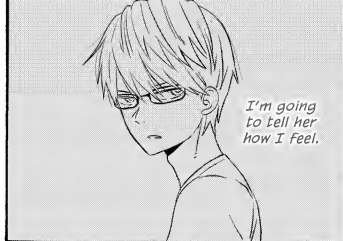




I'd never
do something
that dumb.



I said it
so that you'd
think about
giving me a
chance, Mao.





When I
woke up this
morning...

Hey!

Are you Mao?

Oook,
I have
Hiro's
face,
too?!

Oooh, I have Hiro's face, too?!

Whaaaaat?! What the--?! What in the world is going on?!





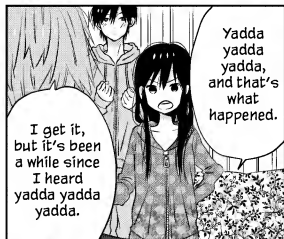


**What're we
gonna do?
Just forget you
have to pee!**

**Don't
ask the
impossible.**

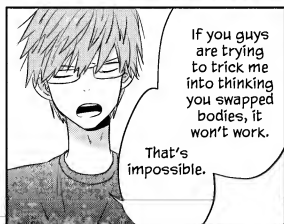


**What're we
gonna do?
Maybe you
can hide your
eyes, and I'll
help out! Wait,
no! These are
your hands!**



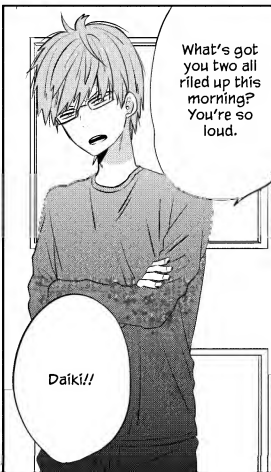
**I get it,
but it's been
a while since
I heard
yadda yadda
yadda.**

**Yadda
yadda
yadda,
and that's
what
happened.**



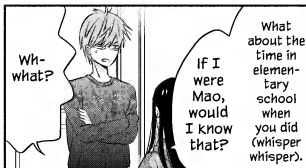
**If you guys
are trying
to trick me
into thinking
you swapped
bodies, it
won't work.**

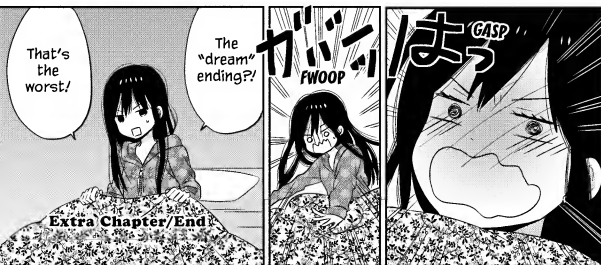
**That's
impossible.**



**What's got
you two all
riled up this
morning?
You're so
loud.**

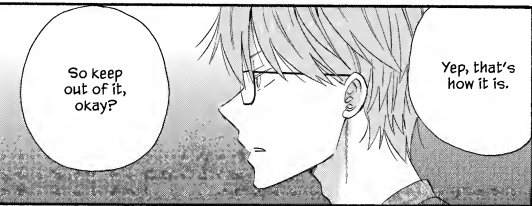
Daiki!!







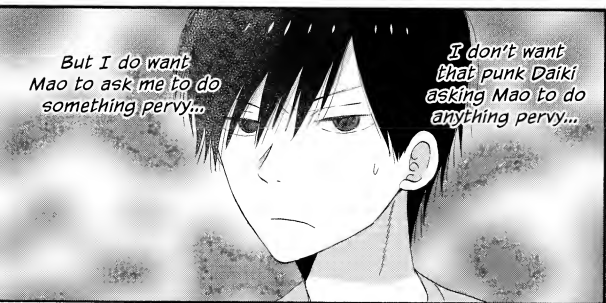






*...but what am
I gonna ask Hiro
to do? Maybe...
that?! Or... that
other thing?!*

*Who could
have predicted
this! I was just
going to ask Daiki
to promise to let
me use his Czech
animation DVDs
whenever I want...*



*But I do want
Mao to ask me to do
something pervy...*

*I don't want
that punk Daiki
asking Mao to do
anything pervy...*



*Daiki
was the
purest.*

*It'd be nice
if we could
just go on
a little date.*



Yet again,





You're
really that
surprised?



Well?
What's your
order?



Knowing Mao,
it's going to be a
pretty ridiculous
order, too.



What now? I can't
ask Hiro to do
anything perry with
Daiki right here!

Umm...
Uhhhhh!

...let's
order pizza
for dinner.

Then...

What's
wrong,
you two?

Ow!

SMACK

SMACK

SMACK

Ow!

Daiki-kun
was, too!

What do
you guys
want on the
pizza?

Hiro was
thinking
perky
thoughts.

Extra Chapter/End

SMACK

Ow!



My parents have the same age gap as Mao and Hiro, so I asked them, "Have you ever really felt that age gap before?" When I asked them, they both answered the same way: "No!" But then my mom said there was just one thing. So I drew this comic of it.





Hope we can
meet again in
Volume 10!



*But what
of Daiki's
serious
feelings...*

*Her
commitment
to Hiro...*

I mean...
I've
committed
already.

I've liked
you ever
since we were
children.

*In the midst of the storm of love
being whipped up in the Nakamura home...
What will Mao do?!*

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Popular right now!

Looks
tough, but
at least
it means
you'll see
more of
me!
♡

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